

BEFORE THE  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2013030490

ORDER GRANTING JOINT REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUANCE AND SETTING  
PREHEARING AND HEARING  
DATES

On April 16, 2013, Damara Moore, Attorney at Law representing the San Francisco Unified School District (District), and Katherine Siegfried, Attorney at Law representing Parent on behalf of Student (Student), filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) an initial joint request to continue the dates in this matter.

A due process hearing must be conducted and a decision rendered within 45 days of receipt of the due process notice unless an extension is granted for good cause. (34 C.F.R. § 300.515(a) & (c) (2006); Ed. Code, §§ 56502, subd. (f), 56505, subd. (f)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1020.) As a result, continuances are disfavored. Good cause may include the unavailability of a party, counsel, or an essential witness due to death, illness or other excusable circumstances; substitution of an attorney when the substitution is required in the interests of justice; a party's excused inability to obtain essential testimony or other material evidence despite diligent efforts; or another significant, unanticipated change in the status of the case as a result of which the case is not ready for hearing. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(c).) OAH considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including the proximity of the hearing date; previous continuances or delays; the length of continuance requested; the availability of other means to address the problem giving rise to the request; prejudice to a party or witness as a result of a continuance; the impact of granting a continuance on other pending hearings; whether trial counsel is engaged in another trial; whether the parties have stipulated to a continuance; whether the interests of justice are served by the continuance; and any other relevant fact or circumstance. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1332(d).)

OAH has reviewed the request for good cause and considered all relevant facts and circumstances. The request is:

☒ Granted. All dates are vacated. This matter will be set as follows:

Prehearing Conference: May 13, 2013, at 10 AM<sup>1</sup>

Due Process Hearing: May 20, 2013, at 1:30 PM, and continuing day to day, Monday through Thursday, as needed at the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 16, 2013

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THERESA RAVANDI  
Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Hearings

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<sup>1</sup> Prehearing conferences are scheduled for Mondays or Wednesdays. The parties requested date of Thursday, May 9, 2013, is not available for a prehearing conference.